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REMARKS

2 These remarks follow the order of the paragraphs of the office action. Relevant portions of the
3 office action are shown indented and italicized.

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6 *1 This action is in response to application 09/996087 filed 11/28/01 Claims 1-20 are*
7 *pending and represent method, system and apparatus for associating multi-lingual*
8 *audio recordings with objects in Internet presentation*

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Claim Rejections -35 USC § 112

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2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C 112:
11 *The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and*
12 *distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention*

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3. Regarding claim 1, 10, and 15, the phrase 'such as' renders the claim indefinite
14 *because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed*
15 *invention See MPEP § 2173.05(d)*

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4. Regarding claim 1, 10, and 15, the phrase and/or renders the claim(s) indefinite
17 *because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by*
18 *and/or'), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP §*
19 *2173.05(d)*

20 In response, applicants respectfully state that claims 1, 10 and 15 are amended to remove the
21 term 'such as'. The claims as amended are definite and overcome the 35 U.S.C 112 rejections.

22 *5. Claim 3 recites the limitation 'this one' in claim 1 There is insufficient antecedent*
23 *basis for this limitation in the claim*

24 In response, applicants respectfully state that claim 3 is amended to remove the term 'this one'.
25 The claim as amended is definite and overcomes the 35 U.S.C 112 rejection.

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6. Claim 9 recites the limitation “which is set’ in claim 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim

In response, applicants respectfully state that claim 9 is amended to remove the term 'which is set'. The claim as amended is definite and overcomes the 35 U.S.C 112 rejections.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 USC 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of the title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such, that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claim 1-2, 4-7, 10-12, 16, 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barry, PCT Patent No WO 0038394 in view of Hirohama et al, US Patent No 5,797,125 Barry teaches the invention substantially as claimed including web-page audio message system and method (see abstract)

Applicants respectfully state that the present invention as claimed in claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-12, 16, 18-20, "provides an Internet presentation system enabling the user to make audio recordings associated respectively with the visual objects of the presentation whatever the language used in the audio recording. The invention provides methods of associating multi-lingual audio recordings with visual objects in a presentation system accessed by the Internet network. A plurality of visual objects such as charts or slides controlled by a third party in a server can be accessed by any user of the Internet network. The visual objects are each associated with an audio recording in any language selected amongst several predetermined languages." See Page 3, 'SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION'. This is not obvious from the art of Barry.

Whereas the abstract of Barry, cited by the office action, shows that Barry is to provide, “[A] web-page audio message system includes a telephone server (6), a database server(s), a file server (8), a web server (10) and an audio server (10). A user desiring audio service registers with the system via the web sewer (10). The web server (10) retrieves user information and forwards that

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1 information to the database server (8) for storage. Alternatively a user may obtain audio service
2 through an affiliate web-page (9) or other service provider by requesting the audio message
3 feature. The user may have one or more audio buttons and corresponding messages associated
4 with one or more web-pages. Once a user is registered, the user may create or modify the audio
5 message by accessing the telephone server (6) via a conventional telephone (2). The telephone
6 server (6) prompts the caller for an access code PIN, and button number, and verifies the entered
7 information. A user message is recorded and the telephone server provides an audio file to the
8 file server (8) for storage. When an end user visits a web-page and selects an audio button, a
9 database query is transferred to the database server (8) to retrieve the corresponding audio file.
10 The database server (8) tracks information relating to users, selection of audio buttons and the
11 quantity of selections for marketing purposes. The retrieved audio file is transferred from the file
12 server (8) to the audio server (10) for playback to the end-user." There is apparently no reference
13 or concern in Barry to a presentation system, nor with objects in a presentation system as is the
14 case with the present invention claimed in claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-12,16, 18-20.

15 Furthermore, the second reference to Tsutomu Hirohama, filed: March 6, 1995, is apparently not
16 concerned with or related to presentation system enabling the user to make audio recordings
17 associated respectively with the visual objects of the presentation. Tsutomu is a, "Voice guide
18 system including portable terminal units and control center having write processor"
19 Identification code transmitting units are respectively installed in different guide areas and
20 respectively transmit different identification codes. Each of plural portable terminal units
21 includes a memory for storing plural pieces of guide information respectively associated with the
22 different guide areas in any one of different languages, a receiver for receiving the identification
23 code transmitted by any one of the transmitting units, a selector for selecting one of the plural
24 pieces of guide information according to the received identification code, and a voice generator
25 for generating a voice corresponding to the selected piece of guide information. A control center
26 also includes a memory for storing the plural pieces of guide information in each of the different
27 languages, and a write processing device for selecting one of the languages according to a user
28 command and then writing the plural pieces of guide information of the selected language from
29 the memory thereof into the memory of any one of the terminal units.

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1 *As to claim 1, Barry teaches a system, comprising: calling said third party server by a*
2 *user in charge of the audio recording associated with a visual object via the Public*
3 *Switched Network (page 3, lines 31, page 4, lines 2; page 10, lines 30-32; Barry discloses*
4 *that a system communicates through the switched telephone network, which records*
5 *audio information and stores in the telephony native format), prompting said user on*
6 *said users telephone to enter said users user ID (page 7, line 10; page 8, lines 31-34;*
7 *Barry discloses that a system which prompt to enter the PIN for the unique identification*
8 *associated with the caller to retrieved the database/tile server); transmitting by a keypad*
9 *of said telephone said user ID (page 8, lines 3-9; Barry discloses that a system which*
10 *loads the received audio message into the interface card) But Barry fails to teach the*
11 *limitation wherein a first part of user ID defining a first language to be used for*
12 *recording said audio recording, whereby displaying of said visual object by said*
13 *workstation is automatically synchronized with said audio recording. However,*
14 *Hirohama teaches a voice guide systems including portable terminal units and control*
15 *center having write processor (see abstract) Hirohama teaches the limitation wherein a*
16 *first part of user ID defining a first language to be used for recording said audio*
17 *recording, whereby displaying of said visual object by said workstation is automatically*
18 *synchronized with said audio recording (col.. 3, lines 42-46; Hirohama discloses that a*
19 *system which stores more than one specific pieces of information for individual booths in*
20 *more than one language). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art*
21 *at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could*
22 *have multiple language of audio recording. One would be motivated to do so to allow*
23 *the user define the language he/she would desired*

24 In response, applicants respectfully state that claim 1 is directed to an invention not alluded to
25 and not a concern of Barry. For example, claim 1 includes, "associating multi-lingual audio
26 recordings with visual objects in a presentation system accessed by the Internet network." Barry
27 apparently is not concerned with, "recordings with visual objects in a presentation system,"

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which is an inherent part of claims 1-20 of the present invention. Thus all claims 1-20 as amended are allowable over the cited art.

9. As to claim 2, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 1. Barry teaches assigned to said visual object associated with said audio recording by the user at said telephone after said user has transmitted said user ID (page 7, lines 15-23; Barry discloses that a system which have the audio buttons or messages associated with the caller). But Barry fails to teach the limitation comprising the step of entering a number assigned to said visual object associated with said audio recording. However, Hirohama teaches the limitation comprising the step of entering a number assigned to said visual object associated with said audio recording (col. 3, lines 1-6; Hirohama discloses that a system which provided with identification code transmitting units which installed respectively to the predetermine language). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system so that the user could select the associated number of audio recording. One would be motivated to do so to allow the user transmit the user ID that identified the audio recording

In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently claimed invention.

10. As to claim 4, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 3. Barry fails to teach the system wherein said user ID includes a second part defining a directory name wherein the file containing said audio recording is stored. However, Hirohama teaches the limitation wherein said user ID includes a second part defining a directory name wherein the file containing said audio recording is stored (col. 2, lines 34-39; Hirohama discloses that a system have more than one identification code transmitting unit for particular address information, booth number, and associated language). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could define a directory name. One would be motivated to do so to allow the user to select the storage of the audio recording

In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently claimed invention.

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11. *As to claim 5, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 4. Barry fails to teach the system comprising the step of generating by said third party sever a first file name including said directory name and a code defining said first language when ID is received by said third party server. However Hirohama teaches the limitation comprising the step of generating by said third party server a first file name including said directory name and a code defining said first language when ID is received by said third party server (col. 3, Lines 20-23; Hirohama discloses that a system which provided the information for the corresponding booths and languages). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could define the language which corresponding with the directory. One would be motivated to do so to allow the user to choose the directory and the language code*

In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently claimed invention.

12. *As to claim 6, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 5 Barry fails to teaches the limitation wherein said audio recording In said first language is stored in a data base by using said first file name. However, Hirohama teaches the limitation wherein said audio recording in said first language is stored in a data base by using said first file name (col. 2, - lines 13-20; Hirohama discloses that a system provided with a storage means for storing specific pieces of guide information for more than one languages). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could provide the user with multiple language selection. One would be motivated to do so to improve the system with multiple audio languages recording*

In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently claimed invention.

13. *As to claim 7, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 6 Barry fails to teaches the limitation comprising the steps of transmitting from said telephone another ID containing a first part defining a second language to be used for recording said audio recording and a second part defining said directory name, and generating by said third party server another file name including said directory name and a code defining said second language. However, Hirohama teaches the limitation comprising the steps of*

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1 transmitting from said telephone another ID containing a first part defining a second
2 language to be used for recording said audio recording and a second part defining said
3 directory name, and generating by said third party server another file name including
4 said directory name and a code defining said second language (col. 3, lines 1-28;
5 Hirohama discloses that a system which identify the transmitting code for storage unit
6 corresponding to the pre-selected language). It would have been obvious to one of
7 ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama
8 so that the system could generate the ID, which identifies the corresponding languages.
9 One would be motivated to do so to provide a multiple languages selection to the user

10 In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in
11 the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the
12 reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently
13 claimed invention.

14 14. As to claim 10, Barry teaches a system, comprising: a third party server including
15 processing means for receiving a user ID from a user telephone (page 7, line 10; page 8,
16 lines 31-34; Barry discloses that a system which prompt to enter the PIN for the unique
17 identification associated with the caller to retrieved the database/file server); But Barry
18 fails to teach the limitation wherein said user ID comprising a first part defining a first
19 language to be used for recording said audio recording whereby displaying of said
20 visual object by said workstation is automatically synchronized with said audio
21 recording. However, Hirohama teaches a voice guide systems including portable
22 terminal units and control center having write processor (see abstract). Hirohama
23 teaches the limitation wherein said user ID comprising a first part defining a first
24 language to be used for recording said audio recording whereby displaying of said
25 visual object by said workstation is automatically synchronized with said audio
26 recording (col. 3, lines 42-46; Hirohama discloses that a system which stores more than
27 one specific pieces of information for individual booths in more than one language). It
28 would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to
29 modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could have multiple language of
30 audio recording. One would be motivated to do so to allow the user define the language
31 be/she would desired

32 In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in
33 the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the
34 reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently
35 claimed invention.

36 15. As to claim 11, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 10. Barry fails to
37 teaches the limitation wherein said third party server comprises a table for determining
38 said language to be used for recording said audio recording from said first part in said

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1 user ID. However, Hirohama teaches the limitation wherein said third party server
2 comprises a table for determining said language to be used for recording said audio
3 recording from said first part in said user ID (col. 2, lines 24-31; Hirohama discloses
4 that a system which configured the guide for languages storage information used for
5 audio recording). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the
6 time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system would have
7 an option to choose the desired language. One would be motivated to do so to provide
8 the customer with variety language selection

9 In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in
10 the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the
11 reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently
12 claimed invention.

13 16. *As to claim 12*, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 11. Barry fails to
14 teach the system wherein said user ID includes a second part defining a directory name,
15 wherein the file containing said audio recording is stored, and further comprising a
16 directory to store said audio recording at a location determined by said directory name,
17 However, Hirohama teaches the limitation wherein said user ID includes a second part
18 defining a directory name, wherein the file containing said audio recording is stored,
19 and further comprising a directory to store said audio recording at a location
20 determined by said directory name (col. 2, lines 34-39; Hirohama discloses that a
21 system have more than one identification code transmitting unit for particular address
22 information, booth number, and associated language). It would have been obvious to one
23 of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of
24 Hirohama so that the system could define a directory name. One would be motivated to
25 do so to allow the user to select the storage of the audio recording

26 In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in
27 the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the
28 reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently
29 claimed invention.

30 17. *As to claim 15*, Barry teaches a system, comprising: means for calling said third
31 party server by a user in charge of the audio recording associated with a visual object
32 via the Public Switched Network (page 3, lines 31 — page 4, lines 2; page 10, lines
33 30-32; Barry discloses that a system communicates through the switched telephone
34 network, which records audio information and stores in the telephony native format),
35 means for prompting said user on said user's telephone to enter said user's user ID (page
36 7, line 10; page 8, lines 31-34; Barry discloses that a system which prompt to enter the
37 PIN for the unique identification associated with the caller to retrieved the database/file
38 server); means for transmitting by a keypad of said telephone said user ID (page 8, lines

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3-9; page 7, lines 15-23; Barry discloses that a system which reads and received audio message into the interface card) But Barry fails to teach the limitation wherein a first part of user ID first part defining a first language to be used for recording said audio recording, whereby displaying of said visual object by said workstation is automatically synchronized with said audio recording. However, Hirohama teaches a voice guide systems including portable terminal units and control center having write processor (see abstract). Hirohama teaches the limitation wherein a first part of user ID first part defining a first language to be used for recording said audio recording, whereby displaying of said visual object by said workstation is automatically synchronized with said audio recording (col. 3, lines 42-46 and lines 43-51; Hirohama discloses that a system which stores more than one specific pieces of information for individual booths in more than one language). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could have multiple language of audio recording. One would be motivated to do so to allow the user define the language ho/she would desired

In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently claimed invention.

18. As to claim 18, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 17. Barry fails to teach the limitation comprising means for generating by said third party server a first file name including said directory name and a code defining said first language when ID is received by said third party server. However, Hirohama teaches the limitation comprising means for generating by said third party server a first file name including said directory name and a code defining said first language when ID is received by said third party sever (col. 3, lines 1-28; Hirohama discloses that a system which identify the transmitting code for storage unit corresponding to the pre-selected language). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could generate the ID, which identifies the corresponding languages. One would be motivated to do so to provide a multiple languages selection to the user

In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently claimed invention.

19. As to claim 19, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 1. Barry fails to teach the limitation wherein a computer usable medium having computer readable program

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code means embodied therein for causing association of multi-lingual audio recordings with visual objects. However, Hirohama teaches the imitation wherein a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing association of multi-lingual audio recordings with visual objects (col. 4, lines 1-15; Hirohama discloses that a system which provided the selected booths with the corresponding languages). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could have an option of choosing the desired language. One would be motivated to do so to improve the system by having variety choices

In response, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the office action regarding the referenced art making the claims in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to the presently claimed invention.

20. As to claim 20, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 10. Barry falls to teach the limitation wherein a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing association of multi-lingual audio recordings with visual objects. However, Hirohama teaches the limitation wherein a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing association of multi-lingual audio recordings with visual objects (col. 4, lines 1-15; Hirohama discloses that a system which provided the selected booths with the corresponding languages). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Barry in view of Hirohama so that the system could have and copy the corresponding file and directory name. One would be motivated to do so to allow the user to copy the audio recording to file

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

22. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 USC 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b) by another tiled in the united States before the Invention by he applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before (the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(e) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only If the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty In the English language

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23. Claim 3, 9, 13-14, 16-17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Barry, PCT Patent No W00038394. Barry teaches the invention as claimed including web-page audio message system and method (see abstract)

Applicants respectfully state that the present invention as claimed in claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-12, 16, 18-20, "provides an Internet presentation system enabling the user to make audio recordings associated respectively with the visual objects of the presentation whatever the language used in the audio recording. The invention provides methods of associating multi-lingual audio recordings with visual objects in a presentation system accessed by the Internet network. A plurality of visual objects such as charts or slides controlled by a third party in a server can be accessed by any user of the Internet network. The visual objects are each associated with an audio recording in any language selected amongst several predetermined languages." See Page 3, 'SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION'. This is not anticipated by the art of Barry.

Whereas the abstract of Barry, cited by the office action, shows that Barry is to provide, "[A] web-page audio message system includes a telephone server (6), a database server(s), a file server (8), a web server (10) and an audio server (10). A user desiring audio service registers with the system via the web server (10). The web server (10) retrieves user information and forwards that information to the database server (8) for storage. Alternatively a user may obtain audio service through an affiliate web-page (9) or other service provider by requesting the audio message feature. The user may have one or more audio buttons and corresponding messages associated with one or more web-pages. Once a user is registered, the user may create or modify the audio message by accessing the telephone server (6) via a conventional telephone (2). The telephone server (6) prompts the caller for an access code PIN, and button number, and verifies the entered information. A user message is recorded and the telephone server provides an audio file to the file server (8) for storage. When an end user visits a web-page and selects an audio button, a database query is transferred to the database server (8) to retrieve the corresponding audio file. The database server (8) tracks information relating to users, selection of audio buttons and the quantity of selections for marketing purposes. The retrieved audio file is transferred from the file server (8) to the audio server (10) for playback to the end-user." There is apparently no reference or concern in Barry to a presentation system, nor with objects in a presentation system as is the

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1 case with the present invention claimed in the independent and claims upon which dependent
2 claims 3, 9, 13-14, 16-17 are dependent. Thus the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) as being
3 anticipated by Barry is traversed and all claims 3, 9, 13-14, 16-17 are allowable over the cited art.

4 *As to claim 3, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 1, comprising the step of*
5 *transmitting a password by the user at said telephone after this one has transmitted said*
6 *user ID (page 9, lines 30-33; Barry discloses that a system which transmitted the PIN,*
7 *verify the user)*

8 *24. As to claim 9, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 8, wherein the file*
9 *containing said audio recording includes a flag which is set when said audio recording*
10 *is recorded for the first time or changed and which is reset when said file is copied from*
11 *said data base to said directory (page 5, lines 4-7; Barry discloses that a system which*
12 *identity the audio message through the web-page button that correlate to each other)*

13 *25 As to claim 13, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 11, comprises a table*
14 *for determining said language to be used for recording said audio recording from said*
15 *first part in said user ID (page 4, lines 1-7; Barry discloses that the system which stores*
16 *the audio record in the database/file server in the telephone native format)*

17 *26. As to claim 14, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 14, wherein said user*
18 *ID includes a second part defining a directory name, wherein the file containing said*
19 *audio recording is stored, and further comprising a directory to store said audio*
20 *recording at a location determined by said directory name (page 5, lines 4-7; Barry*
21 *discloses that a system which retrieve the audio message from the database/file server by*
22 *clicking the corresponding button)*

23 *27. As to claim 16, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 15, comprising means*
24 *for entering a number assigned to said visual object associated with said audio*
25 *recording by the user at said telephone after said user has transmitted said user ID*
26 *(page 10, lines 12-15; Barry discloses that a system which display the HTML code*
27 *places on the button web-pages which associated with corresponding audio message)*

28 *28. As to claim 17, Barry teaches the system as recited in claim 15, comprising the*
29 *step of transmitting a password by the user at said telephone after this one has*
30 *transmitted said user ID (page 9, lines 30-33; Barry discloses that a system which*
31 *transmitted the PIN, verify the user).*

32 Thus, applicants respectfully state that the applicants do not agree with the statements in the
33 office action regarding the referenced art anticipating the claims in the present invention. For the
34 reasons stated above, the cited art alone or together do not apparently refer to, anticipate or make
35 obvious the presently claimed invention. Thus all the claims are allowable.

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